AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1   Claims 1-30   (Cancelled)

1   31.   (New) A device comprising:

2   a portable medium;

3   a machine-readable medium of the portable medium;

4   instructions stored on the machine-readable medium to store user preference
5   information; and

6   instructions stored on the machine-readable medium to provide a template
7   database, the template database including a plurality of user preference templates,
8   each corresponding to a particular device, to allow the portable medium to be
9   compatible with a plurality of different devices.

1   32.   (New) The device of claim 31, wherein the instructions to provide the template
2   database further comprise instructions to provide an identification template to
3   include user identification information.

1   33.   (New) The device of claim 31, wherein the instructions to provide the template
2   database further comprise instructions to provide a user history template to
3   include user history information.

1   34.   (New) The device of claim 31, wherein the portable medium comprises a smart
2   card.

1   35.   (New) The device of claim 34, wherein the smart card comprises a

2   microprocessor.

1   36.   (New) A system comprising:

2   a device including a communication device to provide a communication link to a

3   network;

4   a portable medium including a machine-readable medium coupled with the

5   device;

6   instructions stored on the machine-readable medium to store user preference

7   information; and

8   instructions stored on the machine-readable medium to provide a template

9   database, the template database including a plurality of user preference templates,

10   each corresponding to a particular device, to allow the portable medium to be

11   compatible with a plurality of different devices.

1   37.   (New) The system of claim 36, wherein the device is selected from a computer

2   and a television.

1   38.   (New) The system of claim 36, wherein the portable medium comprises a smart

2   card, and wherein the smart card is inserted into a slot of the device.

1   39.   (New) The system of claim 36, wherein the communication device is selected

2   from a modem and a network interface card.

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1   40.   (New) A method comprising:

2   accessing, at a device, a portable medium including a machine-readable medium

3   having user preference information stored thereon; and

4   identifying user preference information associated with the device using a user

5   preference template corresponding to the device.

1   41.   (New) The method of claim 40, further comprising translating the user preference

2   information into a format recognized by the device.

1   42.   (New) The method of claim 40, further comprising accessing the user preference

2   template from a template database.

1   43.   (New) The method of claim 40, further comprising updating the user preference

2   information, with the device, based on user pattern.

1   44.   (New) The method of claim 43, wherein said updating comprises dynamically

2   updating.

1   45.   (New) A machine-readable medium having stored thereon instructions which,

2   when executed by a processor, causes the processor to:

3   access user preference information stored on a machine-readable medium; and

4   identify user preference information associated with a device using a user

5   preference template corresponding to the device.

1   46.   (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 45, further comprising instructions

2   which, when executed by the processor, causes the processor to:

3   provide a template database, the template database including a plurality of user

4   preference templates, each corresponding to a particular device, to allow the

5   portable medium to be compatible with a plurality of different devices.

1   47.   (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 46, wherein the instructions to

2   provide the template database further comprising instructions which, when

3   executed by the processor, causes the processor to:

4   provide an identification template to include user identification information.

1   48.   (New) A method comprising:

2   accessing, with a device, a portable medium including a machine-readable

3   medium;

4   identifying a user based on user identification information stored on the machine-

5   readable medium;

6   retrieving user preference information associated with the device by using a user

7   preference template corresponding to the device;

8   displaying information to the user based on the retrieved preference information.

1   49.   (New) The method of claim 48, wherein said identifying the user comprises

2   retrieving an identification template from a template database.

1   50.   (New) The method of claim 48, further comprising, prior to said retrieving,

2   accessing the user preference template from a plurality of user preference

3   templates corresponding to a plurality of different devices.

1   51.   (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the portable medium comprises a smart

2   card.

1   52.   (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the device is selected from a television, a

2   computer, a PDA, a cellular phone, a portable media player, a web terminal, and a

3   set-top box.

1   53.   (New) The method of claim 52, wherein the device is selected from a television

2   and a computer.

1   54.   (New) The method of claim 48, further comprising:

2   tracking user pattern and gathering usage data;

3   analyzing the usage data;

4   configuring the analyzed data; and

5   updating the user preference information.

1   55.   (New) The method of claim 54, further comprising:

2   retrieving a user history template corresponding to the device from a template

3   database; and

4   populating the user history template with the usage data.

1   56.   (New) The method of claim 54, wherein said analyzing the usage data comprises

2   analyzing text selected from closed caption information and articles associated

3   with the displayed information.

1   57.   (New) The method of claim 54, wherein said analyzing the usage data comprises

2   analyzing audio information selected from words, phrases, and audio expressions

3   associated with the displayed information.

1 58.   (New) The method of claim 54, wherein said analyzing the usage data comprises

2   analyzing video associated with the displayed information.

1 59.   (New) The method of claim 54, wherein the updating the user preferences

2   comprising dynamically updating the user preferences.